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APPENDIX A

METHODOLOGY

Data included in this research aid are for the year 1959 unless otherwise indicated. Figures for total production of various consumer goods in the USSR were announced officially in the report on the fulfillment of the plan for 1959. Figures on such production in the US were published by the Department of Commerce. The widths of Soviet fabrics were derived by reconciling production data for 1959 (reported annually for the first time in square meters) with those for 1958 (reported in linear meters), on the basis of percentage changes given. Weights of Soviet fabrics are weighted averages derived from information in various Soviet sources. Measurements of width and weight of fabrics produced in the US are from publications of the Department of Commerce. Information on imports and exports is from officially reported statistics of both countries.

Data on consumption for both countries are derived from production totals by adjusting for foreign trade balances. Population data used were midyear figures for 1959, as follows: USSR, 210.3 million; US, 177.1 million.

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